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## BRITISH CONSUL WORRIED

Customs Officer Unable to Assist the Little Groom-to-be, and the Diamond Brooch Is Returned to England—Marriage in a Bonded Warehouse Suggested.

New York, Oct. 22.—Vice Consul General Frazer, of the British consulate, hurried to the custom house late yesterday and was closeted with Collector Kilbuck for several hours. Then he rushed up to the office of Col. Dudley Phelps, chief of the law division. Thence he hurried to the Postoffice Building and was in conference with Deputy Collector Winters, in charge of the foreign mail division. After it was all over Mr. Frazer was really fatigued, and he spent Sunday resting. When the custom house opened at 9 a. m. today Vice Consul General Frazer was there. He had a conference with the collector, and then fled to Col. Phelps' office, fuming and perspiring. Meanwhile, a little package, containing a diamond brooch, lay in the foreign mail department at the postoffice addressed to the Duke of Marlborough. A cruel clerk had stamped on it in big, red letters, "seized for customs."

This is why Vice Consul General Frazer was excited. The diamonds had been sent to the young duke by a titled cousin, and they have been presented to his fiancée a few days before the wedding. The sparkling trinket was assessed at \$60, and the duke said he would not pay the money.

"Look here," he said to the vice consul, "it's really too bad, you know. You must fix it up, hang it all! I cannot now afford to pay duty on every wedding present. Miss Vanderbilt may receive from abroad, go down and tell these customs people that they ought not to charge duty on wedding presents."

And thereupon Mr. Frazer hustled. But he hesitated in vain.

"Well, it's too damned bad," he moaned to Col. Phelps. "The duke's friends are anxious to send his bride a number of valuable presents, but the duke really cannot afford to pay duty on them, as they are going right out of the country again."

Most gracious majesty the Queen desires to send his grace's bride a crown's hand. Will not that be exempt?"

"I am very sorry," said Col. Phelps, "but we have to charge duty on it."

"Is there no way by which we could bring the presents in just for the wedding—say, for instance, allow the bride to wear them at the ceremony—and then send them out of the country again?"

Col. Phelps pondered.

"Yes," he said, "there is."

"How? how? my dear sir!"

"Have the wedding ceremony performed in a United States bond warehouse."

"Decidedly clever," said Mr. Frazer, doubtfully. "But it wouldn't do, I am afraid. It would be very bad form, you know."

It was plain that the duke must pay duty and send the brooch back to England. He regretfully sent it back. The little package was addressed to the Duke of Marlborough, Blenheim Castle.

While Consul Frazer hustled to-day the duke was sitting with Miss Vanderbilt. Their party visited at the stock exchange and were shown seats in the gallery. When the brokers learned their identity they cheered and the duke gracefully acknowledged the courtesy.

WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements have been completed for handling the vast crowd expected about St. Thomas' Church the day of the wedding.

Miss Vanderbilt is to be married to the Duke of Marlborough.

Frank H. Johnson will be in charge of the invited guests at the church and at the house. He is the social arbiter of the town, as his father was before him. No other person holds a similar position here or elsewhere. He knows the face of every one in the society and is able to tell at a glance whether the person giving the invitation is entitled to enter or not.

Mr. Johnson will have between forty and fifty policemen in charge of an acting captain. The policemen will be stationed on lines extending to the outer limit of the grounds of the church, the property west of Fifty-third street, and north on Fifth avenue. No one will be permitted on the grounds of the church street, but the opposite side of the street will be free to the public.

As far as can be recalled, the police force has assisted at but two, or three New York weddings. Not more than ten policemen were on hand at the wedding of Miss Corbin Martin to the Earl of Craven, in Grace Church. At that wedding the through outside pushed into the church as the guests were leaving the church, causing great confusion. This will not occur at Miss Vanderbilt's wedding.

RURAL SENSATION.

Little Town in Pennsylvania Enjoys Its First Scandal.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—For the first time in the history of Blair County one of its public officials has been convicted of malfeasance in office.

This morning a jury found County Commissioner John Hord, of Altoona, guilty of having a pecuniary interest, amounting to \$518.82, in the public contract for painting the county bridges.

County Commissioner James Funk, of Duncansville, was acquitted of the same offense.

The penalty fixed for the crime is \$500 fine and removal from office.

The case will likely go to the new superior court.

HIS FIRM INSOLVENT.

Latest Result of the Colossal Forgeries of A. K. Ward.

Memphis, Oct. 22.—As a result of A. K. Ward's forgeries the Memphis Barrel and Heading Company, of which he was general manager, filed a bill of insolvency yesterday.

Horse Garth, president of the Mechanics' National Bank, of New York, which holds \$38,000 of Ward's paper, telegraphed instructions to local lawyers to recover as much as possible for the bank.

LOST CHORD.

Violins Dies on the Eve of His Son's Wedding.

Bound Brook, N. J., Oct. 22.—Jonah B. Bartow, who is widely known in musical circles as a teacher and violinist, died at his home here this morning.

His elder son, William N. Bartow, a professional cornetist, was to have been married tomorrow to Miss Nellie Hart, of Brooklyn.

Russian Has Not Acted.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—It is officially announced that the Russian minister in Korea has taken no official action whatever in relation to the situation there, although the state of affairs existing in Korea.

## PAGUE COURT-MARTIAL

Convened This Morning and Will Continue Several Days.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The general court-martial, convened to investigate the charges against Lieutenant Samuel S. Pague, of the Fifteenth United States Infantry, for shooting at Col. R. E. A. Crofton, of the same regiment, on October 3, commenced its proceedings at Fort Sheridan this morning.

Attorney Frank P. Blair, of Chicago, appeared for the accused, who has his chambers at the West Point Military Academy. Col. Crofton is represented by Lieut. Col. J. C. Crofton, deputy judge advocate general of the United States Army, and judge advocate of the court.

In view of the former troubles at this post a very rigid and searching investigation of all the circumstances attending the case will be made, and it is probable that the proceedings will extend over several days.

## FIVE HUNDRED PERISHED

Fuller Details of the Terrible Explosion on the Kung-Pai.

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Shanghai, Oct. 22.—Details of the loss of the transport ship Kung-Pai and the drowning of hundreds of those on board have just been received here.

On October 14, when the steamer was about twenty miles from Kinchow, an explosion occurred in the powder magazine, setting fire to the ship.

The crew worked with all the energy they possessed in the endeavor to extinguish the flames, but without success. Half an hour after the magazine exploded there was a second explosion in the boiler room, which shattered the boilers of the ship to atoms.

The captain and the first officer were wounded by the second explosion and were laid in a boat to be taken ashore.

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As the recording secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Miss Willard the delegates and visitors arose and sang "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Miss Willard was visibly affected and tears glistened in her eyes as she arose, and with tremulous voice thanked the convention for the great honor it had shown her.

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When Miss Willard announced that the proposed polio expedition to India had been abandoned and that she would not leave the country during the coming year, the two thousand persons in the hall expressed their gratification with cheers.

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